**Operation flood projects**

4106. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a Book on Indo-Dutch Studies carried out over 10 years by Indian and Dutch Scholars regarding Operation Flood projects and its review in Eco-Times of 8-11-91 in repect of programme implementation of Dairy projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that the studies reveal India's dependence on imports which would be hard to wean away from external Debt Burden; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The book has misrepresented the facts regarding India's dependence on imported dairy commodities. The gift imports of dairy commodities are being received from European Economic Community (EEC) for implementation of Operation Flood-III (OF-III) programme, in a regulated manner. There has been no receipt of gift commodities from EEC after August, 1989. The commercial import of skimmed milk powder was discontinued from 1975-76. However, commercial import of some quantity of skimmed milk powder and butter oil was made during 1987-88 to 1989-90 to meet the supply and demand position of milk affected due to unprecedented drought situation during 1987-88. Since the implementation of Operation Flood Programme in 1970 there has been significant increase in the indigenous production of milk powder and infant milk food. The commercial import of dairy commodities depends upon circumstances from time to time.

**मिट्टी का परीक्षण करने वाली प्रयोगशालाओं का कार्य**

4107. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मिट्टी का परीक्षण करने वाली प्रयोगशालाओं के क्या-क्या कार्य हैं ;

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश के किन-किन जिलों में मिट्टी का परीक्षण करने वाली प्रयोगशालायें काम कर रही हैं ; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों में हर जिले से कितने-कितने मिट्टी के नमूनों के परीक्षण किये गये ?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) :** (क) मृदा परीक्षण प्रयोगशालायें मृदा में पोषक तत्वों की स्थिति के अनुसार उर्वरक उपयोग के लिये सिफारिशें करने हेतु मृदा के नमूनों का विश्लेषण करती हैं। सिंचाई के पानी की क्वालिटी का पता लगाने के लिये कुछेक प्रयोगशालायें पानी के नमूनों का विश्लेषण भी करती है

(ख) और (ग) सूचना राज्य सरकार से मंगवाई गई है और उसकी प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है।

**Amendment of cooperative laws**

4108. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the co-operative laws; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) the steps being taken to ensure that the co-operatives do not become monopoly of the members and their employees?